

My name is Mabilia Rastello and I am a resident of the Twinbrook community. I am writing to ask you to please vote against the vaccine passport proposal.

I am in favor of promoting public safety; and as I read about our county's high vaccination rate, high testing rate, and the initiative of many private businesses that have already instituted vaccine requirements for their establishments, I find the proposal for a vaccine passport to be superfluous and divisive. People who live in and visit Montgomery County already have the ability to eat, work, and play at localities that serve only vaccinated persons. People who live and work in Montgomery County have had and continue to have the ability to be vaccinated. If businesses are forced to serve only those who are vaccinated, how may this negatively impact business owners whose customer base is not exclusively vaccinated? What recourse will be provided to businesses who may be negatively impacted by this proposal? Is there a way the proposal could be revised to incentivize businesses to require proof of vaccination without making it obligatory and punitive for the business?

Could this proposal put businesses or the County at risk of increased litigation because the County is proposing to require patrons to have a vaccine that has not yet received full licensure by the FDA and as such is (per the FDA's guidelines) for voluntary use only?

I ask you again to please vote against this unnecessary vaccine passport proposal.